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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE DUAL  
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.